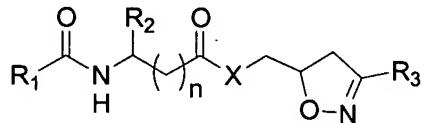


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of treating Celiac Sprue and/or dermatitis herpetiformis, the method comprising:
 - administering to a patient an effective dose of a tTGase inhibitor; wherein said tTGase inhibitor attenuates gluten toxicity in said patient.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is or comprises a dihydroisoxazole moiety or is an analog of isatin.
3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is administered with a glutenase.
4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is administered orally.
5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is contained in a formulation that comprises an enteric coating.
6. A formulation for use in treatment of Celiac Sprue and/or dermatitis herpetiformis, comprising:
an effective dose of a tTGase inhibitor and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
7. The formulation of Claim 6, wherein said tTGase inhibitory moiety is:



wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aralkyl, aralkenyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, heterocycl, and heterocyclalkyl groups, an amino acid, a peptide, a peptidomimetic, or a peptidic protecting group; wherein R₂ can additionally be selected from the group consisting of LPYPQPQLPY, LPFPQPQLPF-NH₂, LPYPQPQLP, LPYPQPQLPYPQPQPF, LP-X₂₋₁₅, where X₂₋₁₅ is a peptide consisting of any 2-15 amino acid residues followed by a C-terminal proline;

R₃ is selected from F, I, Cl, and Br; n is from 0 to 10; and X is selected from the group consisting of O and NH.

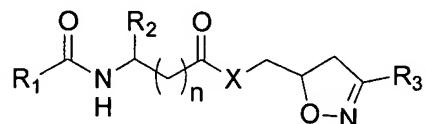
8. The formulation of Claim 7, wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of BnO, Me, Cbz, Fmoc, Boc, PQP, Ac-PQP, PQPQLPYPQP, Ac-PQPQLPFPQP, QLQPFPQP, LQLQPFPQPLPYPQP, X₂₋₁₅-P, where X₂₋₁₅ is a peptide consisting of any 2-15 amino acid residues followed by a N-terminal proline.

9. The formulation of Claim 7, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of (S)-Bn, (S)-CO₂Me, (S)-Me, (R)-Bn, (S)-CH₂CONHBn, (S)-(1*H*-indol-yl)-methyl, (S)-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methyl, OMe, OtBu, Gly, Gly-NH₂, LPY, LPF-NH₂.

10. The formulation inhibitor of Claim 7, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of:

{(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-4-[(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-butyric acid methyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-N-(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-succinamic acid methyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-3-phenyl-propionic acid 3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl ester; {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; (S)-2-Acetylamino-N-(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-phenyl-propionamide; {(R)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; {(S)-2-Benzylcarbamoyl-1-[(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; [(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester; {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and [(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-2-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

11. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said tTGase inhibitor has the formula:



wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aralkyl, aralkenyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl groups, an amino acid, a peptide, a peptidomimetic, or a peptidic protecting group; wherein R₂ can additionally be selected from the group consisting of LPYPQPQLPY, LPFPQPQLPF-NH₂, LPYPQPQLP, LPYPQPQLPYPQPQPF, LP-X₂₋₁₅, where X₂₋₁₅ is a peptide consisting of any 2-15 amino acid residues followed by a C-terminal proline; R₃ is selected from F, I, Cl, and Br; n is from 0 to 10; and X is selected from the group consisting of O and NH.

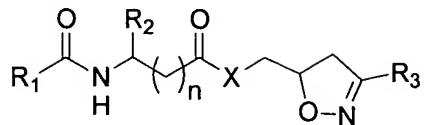
12. The method of Claim 11, wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of BnO, Me, Cbz, Fmoc, Boc, PQP, Ac-PQP, PQPQLPYPQP, Ac-PQPQLPFPQP, QLQPFPQP, LQLQPFPQPLPYPQP, X₂₋₁₅-P, where X₂₋₁₅ is a peptide consisting of any 2-15 amino acid residues followed by a N-terminal proline.

13. The method of Claim 11, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of (S)-Bn, (S)-CO₂Me, (S)-Me, (R)-Bn, (S)-CH₂CONHBN, (S)-(1*H*-indol-yl)-methyl, (S)-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methyl, OMe, OtBu, Gly, Gly-NH₂, LPY, LPF-NH₂.

14. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of:

{(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-4-[(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-butyric acid methyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-N-(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-succinamic acid methyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-3-phenyl-propionic acid 3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl ester; {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; (S)-2-Acetylamino-N-(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-phenyl-propionamide; {(R)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; {(S)-2-Benzylcarbamoyl-1-[(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; [(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester; {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and [(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-2-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

15. A tTGase inhibitor of the formula:



wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aralkyl, aralkenyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, heterocyclyl, and heterocyclalkyl groups, an amino acid, a peptide, a peptidomimetic, or a peptidic protecting group; wherein R₂ can additionally be selected from the group consisting of LPYPQPQLPY, LPFPQPQLPF-NH₂, LPYPQPQLP, LPYPQPQLPYPQPQPF, LP-X₂₋₁₅, where X₂₋₁₅ is a peptide consisting of any 2-15 amino acid residues followed by a C-terminal proline; R₃ is selected from F, I, Cl, and Br; n is from 0 to 10; and X is selected from the group consisting of O and NH,

other than {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester.

16. The tTGase inhibitor of Claim 15, wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of BnO, Me, Cbz, Fmoc, Boc, PQP, Ac-PQP, PQPQLPYPQP, Ac-PQPQLPFPQP, QLQPFPQP, LQLQPFPQPLPYPQP, X₂₋₁₅-P, where X₂₋₁₅ is a peptide consisting of any 2-15 amino acid residues followed by a N-terminal proline.

17. The tTGase inhibitor of Claim 15, wherein R₂ is selected from the group consisting of (S)-Bn, (S)-CO₂Me, (S)-Me, (R)-Bn, (S)-CH₂CONHBn, (S)-(1*H*-inol-yl)-methyl, (S)-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methyl, OMe, O*t*Bu, Gly, Gly-NH₂, LPY, LPF-NH₂.

18. The tTGase inhibitor of Claim 15, wherein said tTGase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of:

(S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-4-[(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-butyric acid methyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-N-(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-succinamic acid methyl ester; (S)-2-Benzylloxycarbonylamino-3-phenyl-propionic acid 3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl ester; {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; (S)-2-Acetylamino-N-(3-bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-phenyl-propionamide; {(R)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; {(S)-2-Benzylcarbamoyl-1-[(3-bromo-

4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; [(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester; {(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-2-phenyl-ethyl}-carbamic acid benzyl ester; and [(S)-1-[(3-Bromo-4,5-dihydro-isoxazol-5-ylmethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-2-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid benzyl ester.